



PREF residents give back to the community

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PLAINFIELD— A vehicle detailing project for residents at the Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility will help give back to the community.

Officials with the Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility (PREF) have partnered with officers from the Plainfield Police Department to prepare the department's retired police cruisers for auction.

Plainfield Assistant Police Chief Eric Lees said in the past, the department has had PREF residents clean and detail their cruisers for yearly inspections. But it was not until the facility's superintendent, Mike Lloyd, came up with the idea to have the residents detail the old police cruisers before they went to auction.

"Its a good partnership to work with them on it," Lees said.

The department has provided the residents with 25 Dodge Intrepid police cruisers to detail and clean. These cars vary in age from three to six years old. Lees explained that the department has retained 12 of those cruisers to be used by community service officers and as backup vehicles. Five other cruisers have been retained for use by town government personnel.

The remaining cruisers will be put to auction at Adesa in Indianapolis later this month.

Dalton Haney, public information officer for PREF, said the residents have cleaned and detailed government vehicles before, but this is the first time they have prepared vehicles for an auction.

By allowing residents to work on this detail project, Haney said they are helping bring in a little extra money for the town.

Resident Maurice Beverly explained how he and two other residents clean and detail the cruisers from start to finish.

"We detail the motor with a pressure sprayer, degrease it, and clean everything by hand in the motor," he said.

Once the motor is done, the residents dry and polish the motor before moving on to cleaning the cruisers' interiors.

"We do all the floors, all door jams, all the seats, and the whole dashboard. We clean everything from the inside of the car to the outside," Beverly said.

He also said they pretty much give the car a complete makeover.

On average, it takes these residents anywhere between two and a half to four hours to completely detail the cruiser.

The residents all agreed that the most difficult cruisers to clean and detail were the older police cruisers. Beverly said this is because they were a lot more dirtier and had a lot more wear to them.

Besides working on the cruisers for the auction, the residents have also been working on detailing five police cruisers for the Quaker Days parade Sept. 8.

Beverly said they detailed a Dodge Intrepid, a Dodge Durango, and some Chevy Impalas.

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